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Memorial of one Mr. Appu Rao of Madura re the identity of the Swamigalu of Sri Vyasarayaswami Matt.

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OFFICE NOTE

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SUBJECT.

Memorial regarding the identity of the Swamigalu of the Sri Vyasarayaswami at Sosale, T. Narsipur Taluk

From

The Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja

No. 1814/4404, dated 30th April 1908.

One G Appoo Rao, Retired Public servant and Dharmakarter of Chittampathi Chattram, Madura, Madras Presidency, with many others, has memorialized His Highness, stating that one Sree Lakshmi Priya Theertha Sripadangalavaru, who is in no way connected with the Sosale Sri Vyasarayaswami Matt, proclaiming himself to be the proper and rightful heir and representative of the said Matt, obtained a decree accordingly, in the High Court of Judicature at Madras. They further represent that the disciples of the said Matt residing in South

Canara and Bangalore memorialized in 1904 and 1906 respectively, setting forth the above facts and praying that adequate measures might be taken for maintaining intact the time-honored prestige and enormous endowments of the Sosale Sri Vyasaroya Matt and for preventing their being disturbed or in any manner interfered with by an outsider who succeeded to obtain a decree in his favour as above stated. but that the manner of disposal of those memorials were not communicated to the memorialists In conclusion, the present Memorialists state that they are given to understand that the said Sri Lakshmi Priya Theertha Sripadangalavaru intends going on a pilgrimage to Rameswaram and as he may probably halt at Madura on his way thereto, the memorialists pray that they may be informed whether the last named Swamigalu is the Guru of the Sosale Sri Vyasaroya Matt, recognised by the Mysore Govt., for purposes of their determining whether they should pay homage to him. This memorial has been forwarded to this office by the Private Secretary to His Highness, the request that a suitable reply may be

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sent to the Memorialists without delay."

It is submitted that after the demise of Srimad Vidya Sri Samudra Meertha Sripadangalavaru in October 1906, the present Swamigalu succeeded to the High Priestship of the Sosale Sri Vyasarayaswami Matt under the titular name of "Srimad Vidya Sri Ratnakara Meertha Sripadangalavaru", and his succession was recognised in Govt. Pro' No 2702-13 Muz.F-57-92, dated 21st November 1906. Vide Printed copy of the order which is put up. Slip 2

Sri Lakshmi Priya Meertha Sripadangalavaru, referred to in the memorial is observed from the linked file herewith sub? to be the name of the Swamigalu of the Kundapur Vyasarayaswami Matt with its head quarters at Abbur in the Chennapatna taluk. Of the 2 petitions referred to in the present memorial to His Highness, it is observed from the records that the Petn. of the year 1904

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[wi]porting w have been made by the ryots of the Kundapur Taluk of the South Canara District, who complained that one Sri Lakshmi Priya Theertha Swami, styling himself as the Guru of the Vyasarayaswami Matt had been attempting to take possession of certain lands endowed to that matt. The petition was referred to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, and on his reporting that the said Swamigalu was the real Guru of the Kundapur Vyasaraya matt and that the Swamigalu had been engaged in litigation for the recovery of the mesne profit of the main lands endowed to that Matt situated in South Canara, an endorsement was issued from this Office to the petitioners rejecting their petition on the ground that Sri Lakshmi Priya Theertha Sripadangalavaru was the recognised Guru of the Kundapur Vyasarayaswami Matt.

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The other Petn is

from the disciples of the Sri Vyasarajaswami Matt who stated that the Kundapur or Abbur Vyasarajaswami Matt was only a branch of the Sri Uttaradi Matt that the addition of the name of Vyasarajaswami was misleading and that the Matt might be merely named Kundapur or Abbur Matt so that it might not lay claim to the properties belonging to the Sri Vyasarajaswami Matt at Losale. As no question was raised by the Matts concerned in this respect an Endorsement* was issued to the Petrs that the Govt considered it unnecessary to go into the question which had not been raised by the Matts concerned.

No. 932 dy 4.8.06. Slip IV d'

The Swamigalu of the Sri Vyasarajaswami Matt has written to this Office recently* (No 4581 dy 15th May 1908) pointing out that the Swamigalu of the Abbur

1* (good Agent written to for a report)

Matt has been calling himself the Swamigalu of the Sri Vyasarajaswami Matt, and requests enquiry into the matter.

The Government Agent will be directed to institute enquiries into the matter and to submit a full report.

Meanwhile, the memorialists may it is submitted, be informed that the proper and well known Vyasarajaswami Matt is the one at Sosale which is now presided over by Srimad Vidya Sri Ratnakara Theertha Swamigalu, that there is another matt called Abbur Vyasarajaswami matt alias Kundapur Vyasarajaswami Matt which is presided over by Sri Lakshmi Priya Theertha Swamigalu, and that the question whether the last named matt is entitled to the name of Vyasaraja Swami Matt or not is a matter for investigation, and that the Petitioners may do homage

with Hdqrs at Abbur Chauri in Channapatna Taluk

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to whichever of the above named matts they please.

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Subd. to the 2nd Joint Alu Sundaralingam
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Approved
HMN
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Draft carefully GL 6/6/08
Dft. subd GA

To

M. R. Ry. G. Appu Rao, Dharmakartha, Madura

Endorsement No. 5642 & 17 6. 1908

Informs him that the proper and well known Sri Vyasarayaswami Matt is the one at Sosale and that the question whether the Abbur Vyasaraya-swami Matt alias Kumaapur Vyasarayaswami Matt with D [illegible]

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at Adaur in the Channapatna Taluk is entitled to the name of Vyasaraya Matt or not is a matter for investigation and that the memorialists may do homage to whichever of the above-named matts they please.

To

The Govt. Agent, Sri Vyasarayaswami Matt

Memo No. 5643 & 17. 6. 1908

Forwarded copy of the above

To

— Ditto —

G.M. No. 5644 & 17 6. 1908

Forwarded for early enquiry and report Sri Mukha No. 4581 & 15. 5. 1908 from the Swamigalu of Sri Vyasarayaswami Matt at Sosale, complaining that the Adaur Matt Swamigalu is calling himself the real Swamy of the Vyasarayaswami Matt.

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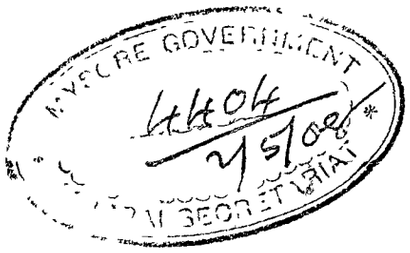
OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Octacamund 30th April 1908.

No. 2650/1

Report can please come
Ref. + submit with a
short note. W 2/5/08



Petition as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja, is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Muzroi Department, Bangalore, ~~for~~ with the request that a suitable reply may be sent to the memorialists without delay.

No. 1314 of 07-08.

By Order,

Reply issued
No 5042 dt 17/6/08

For. *Private Secretary*
to H. H. The Maharajah of Mysore.

To,

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSOR

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The humple memorial of the undersigned disciples,
pers of and others interested in the Sree
Swamiar Avl. Mutt at Sosale, T. Narasip
Mysore Province.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HIGHNESS,

1. It was with no small gratification that we heard that in consequence of complaints having b to Your Highness against Sreemat Vidya Samudra Theertha Sree Padangalavaru, who presided over th the said Mutt and who mismanaged the Institution committed to his charge so badly that enormous losses the Mutt and that the Mutt itself was gradually losing its prestige and was being threatened with a f Highness's Government saw fit to assume direct control and management of the multifarious concerns of so far back as 1903.

2. We learn also that one Sree Lakshmi Priya Theertha Sree Padangalavaru who is in no way with the said Sree Vysaraja Swamiar Avl. Mutt proclaimed himself to the world at large to be the p rightful heir and representative of the said Mutt and obtained a decree accordingly in the High Court of J at Madras.

3. We are also informed that memorials were addressed to Your Highness's Government by the and worshippers in South Canara and in Bangalore on the 20th November 1904 and 14th July 1906 re setting forth the above facts and praying Your Highness's Government to take adequate measures for m intact the time-honoured prestige and enormous endowments of the world-renowned Sree Vysaraja Swa Mutt and to prevent their being disturbed or in any manner interfered with by an outsider who succeeded a decree in his favour as above stated.

4. Our informents and ourselves as well are kept in the dark as to the final disposal of the said by Your Highness's Government.

5. We now hear from reliable sources that the said Swamigal, the present decree-holder, intend a pilgrimage to Rameswaram and as in that case he may probably halt on the way and so journ for a few Town we shall have to pay a reluctant homage, but before doing so we are anxious to know authoritatively Highness's Government whether Your Highness's Government has recognised him to be the head of the S Swamiar Avl. Mutt or whether in spite of the High Court's decree Your Highness's Government has rejec pretentious to title.

We therefore request that Your Highness be graciously pleased to devote to the matter the it deserves, and to cause such final orders as may be passed thereon to be communicated to us accompanie instructions as to how we are to act and thus relieve us of the suspense and anxiety, in which we have kept, which gracious act on Your Highness's part shall for ever be cherished by us with profound feeling and gratitude.

Madura,

We beg to subscribe ou

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